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Kent Cornucopia Days

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The King County Elections Outreach Team attended the Kent Cornucopia Days festival and successfully collected over 50 new voter registrations. A handful of individuals interested in becoming poll workers signed up and approximately 70 accessible voting unit (AVU) demonstrations were given.

Many King County voters were reached at this event and festival attendees were reminded to keep their registration information up-to-date, especially their address and signature. Several questions were asked regarding the AVU and the equipment's capabilities, general voting procedures, and the future King County Elections and all-mail voting.



King County Elections employee Kay Mennie awaits individuals interested in voting on the AVU.

Audience:

About 6000 festival attendees

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There were a handful of voters concerned about the implementation of electronic voting equipment, their questions were answered and the security measures were explained in depth. Most individuals were impressed by the security measures, and the machine's ability to provide voters with disabilities the chance to cast an independent and private ballot.

Overall, the Kent Cornucopia Days festival was an excellent outreach and education opportunity, both because of the sheer volume of festival attendees and the booth location.

Kent Cornucopia Days History

Kent Cornucopia Days, also known as “The Festival of the Valley,” is one of the largest summer festivals in King County. The festival has brought a wide variety of people in South King County to Kent each year for the past 35 years.

A community service project of the Kent Lions Club, Kent Cornucopia Days hosts a wide variety of vendors, musical acts, arts, crafts, and informational booths. Traditional events include: the crowning of Miss Cornucopia, dragon boat races, a parade, and carnival rides.

The street fair event, which spans a total of 18 blocks in Kent’s city center, houses over 600 booths hosting vendors, food booths and non-profit information booths.

Along with providing exciting events, Kent Cornucopia Days seeks to bring forth cultural exhibits and performances to the King County community, stressing the importance of diversity and art. This year included performances by a Caribbean steel drum group, a world class blues harmonica player, a local belly dancing troop, and many others.

